

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE
CHILDREN'S BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939, TO REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL
JUNE 30, 1940, FOR THE CHILDREN'S BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR

JANUARY 23, 1939.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 18, 1939.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to remain available until June 30, 1940, for the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, for salaries and expenses, Conference on Children in a Democracy, amounting to \$60,000.

The details of this supplemental estimate of appropriation, the necessity therefor, and the reason for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, January 17, 1939.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration, and, upon your approval, for transmission to Congress, a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to continue available until June 30, 1940, for the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, amounting to \$60,000, as follows:

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Salaries and expenses, Conference on Children in a Democracy, Children's Bureau.—Salaries and expenses: For expenses of holding a conference on children in a democracy and conducting the necessary research and consultation work preparatory thereto; personal services, including employment of experts and temporary assistants without regard to the civil service laws and regulations; purchase of reports and material for reports; travel, including attendance at meetings when authorized by the Secretary of Labor and including traveling expenses and subsistence of consultants and of members of conference committees; and other necessary expenses, fiscal year 1939, to continue available until June 30, 1940 (42 U. S. C. 192)----- \$60,000

The purpose of this supplemental estimate of appropriation, as explained by the Secretary of Labor, is to provide for a conference on children in a democracy, to canvass the conditions under which children and youth live in the United States, the extent to which their needs are met, the degree to which they are being prepared for democratic citizenship, and the ways in which they may be assured a fuller measure of security and opportunity.

The Secretary advises that the conference will include in its membership representatives of every State and a wide range of specialized and general interests in children; that the first session will be held in the spring of 1939, at which time the general issues to be considered by the conference will be decided and provision will be made for the work of technical committees; and that these committees, with the aid of a small research staff, will call into consultation members of the conference representing different professional and citizen interests, will review available material bearing upon the place of children and youth in our civilization, and will prepare a report and recommendations which will be presented to a final meeting of the conference held early in the year 1940.

It is proposed that a planning committee for the conference will be responsible for the general scope and method of work to be adopted, but that the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor, under the general direction of the Secretary of Labor, who will serve as conference chairman, will be responsible for all staff research and secretarial service.

The foregoing supplemental estimate of appropriation is made necessary by reason of a contingency which has arisen since the transmission of the budgets for the fiscal years 1939 and 1940.

Very respectfully,

D. W. BELL,
Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.